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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. The listed documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated March 18, 2005 in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-097034, from which the present application claims priority.

Copies of the Office Action and the cited documents are enclosed.

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An explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English-language abstracts.

Note that U.S. Patent No. 5,638,443 is in the same patent family as JPA 08-263439.

We believe that the reference listed in the Japanese Office Action as "99/48926" should read --99/48296--. This reference was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 24, 2001. Also, the cover page of International Publication No. WO 97/28649 includes the English-language abstract for JPA 2000-504169.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet issued for the present application.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		<b>5,638,443</b>	<b>06/10/97</b>	<b>Stefik et al.</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>4</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>08-263439</b>	<b>10/11/96</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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		<b>2000-504169</b>	<b>04/04/00</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>10-187267</b>	<b>07/14/98</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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